

**HOUSESMITHS STRIKE TO-DAY.**

All Their Men in New York and Brooklyn to Quit at Five O'clock.

Their Demand Is for Eight Hours, with no Reduced Wages.

Another big strike will have begun at 5 o'clock this afternoon. The Housemiths' Union, one of the most powerful branches of the building trades organization, has refused the plan, and to-morrow morning 3,500 men in this city and 1,500 in Brooklyn will fail to respond to the usual summons to work.

The Housemiths control the handling of all the ironwork that goes into a building, and it is impossible to erect an iron, brick or stone building without their assistance.

The demands made by the men are that eight hours should constitute a day's work, and that the pay should be the same as they are receiving now.

The entire force of housemiths attended a meeting at Clarendon Hall last night. The president officer was George Werner, Master Workman of the Housemiths' Union. The hour for striking was definitely set for 5 o'clock this afternoon.

Resolutions were passed in which the men agreed not to ask for strike money for two weeks. Every man must report at Clarendon Hall to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock, and each day thereafter as long as the strike lasts, or else \$50 will be imposed. The same penalty will be levied on any man attempting to go to work.

The men are very hopeful to-day, and feel that under the existing circumstances they will win, and that within a few days.

A prominent Knight of Labor said: "If the strike of the Housemiths lasts a week, every building trade in the city will feel the effect, as all the men will cease work, which will paralyze the building industry of the city. The houses have their work so far ahead that the bricklayers will be able to work a week yet; after that they will have to stop, as they cannot lay brick without the iron girders, and there is an agreement of the bricklayers with the Housemiths not to handle any iron."

Every trade in the city has agreed to give moral support, and in most cases financial aid to the strikers.

"We are very confident of early success. Several firms have already promised to sign the agreement to-morrow. If they do work will go on with them as usual."

"The Hod Carriers have asked for an eight-hour day, too, at \$1 cents an hour. In nearly every instance this has been agreed to. Those who have not been granted what they ask will go out with us."

The choppers and laborers of the Foundrymen's Association, about 600 in all, will go out to-morrow for a nine-hour day.

Every building trade in the city has agreed by which eight hours is the day's work except the steamfitters, sheet-iron workers, and the housemiths.

The fitters and sheet-iron men are in favor of eight hours, but as their existing agreement with their employers does not expire until Aug. 1, they will not make any demands now.

The Housemiths claim to have \$50,000 in their treasury. Over \$1,000 was raised last night.

**SUICIDES IN CENTRAL PARK.**

Two Men End Their Lives This Morning in the City's Playground.

Two mortals, weary of life, sought death in Central Park this morning.

One was Albert Mendell, a carpet layer, who lived at 210 West Thirty-second street. His body was found in a secluded corner of the Park early this morning, with his throat cut from ear to ear.

A keen-eyed butcher knife lay beside the body, as if it had just dropped from his hand, and everything indicated suicide, though no motive could be ascertained. The body was removed to the Park police station in the arsenal.

The second to seek entrance to eternity in the great playground was an unknown man of about fifty years, and his preparations for instant death appear to have been elaborate.

A visitor to the park told Policeman J. J. McDonald at 10 o'clock, that an elderly man had fallen off a bench on the Terrace bridge at the upper end of the Mall.

Approaching, the officer found that the man had shot himself in the right ear, and was bleeding profusely. A 27 calibre revolver of a French pattern, and a murderous weapon, lay beside the unconscious man.

In his pockets were found a rope, in which was tied a slip noose and a heavy screw eye, indicating that the man had considered other ways of suicide.

The man was removed to Roosevelt Hospital, but will undoubtedly die. He is 5 feet 8 inches in height, very stout and quite bald. He had a brown mustache and was dressed like a laborer.

**BOOKMAKERS GIVE BONDS.**

Only Three Warrants Out and No Raid on Guttenberg.

It was generally understood last night that Judge Knapp, of Hudson County, had issued warrants for five of the bookmakers at the Guttenberg race track, and it was supposed that the tracks would be raided.

This morning it transpired that but three warrants had been issued. They were for Frederick Waboun, James Brown and Edward Shannon. The Sheriff notified the men that the warrants had been issued, and all three appeared last morning in the Court-house before Judge Knapp, accompanied by their counsel, Allan H. Bennett, T. H. H. W. Gowan, Rev. J. L. Scudder and Rev. L. W. Hays were on hand to press the complaint.

The three bookmakers each had bail in \$1,500 to appear before the Grand Jury, which meets next Tuesday.

**STABBED ON AN L STATION.**

Serious Result of an Affray Between Employees at South Ferry.

Carter Jones, a colored porter on the L. railroad station at South Ferry, and W. E. Keating, a train-guard, who have frequently quarreled, had a fight at 8:30 o'clock this morning on the South Ferry station.

Jones plunged a knife into the right side of Keating's neck. The wounded man fell to the platform, the knife sticking in his neck.

Sergeant Booth, of the Twenty-Eighth Precinct, was standing on the platform and placed Jones under arrest.

Keating was taken to the Chambers Street Hospital, where it was thought his wound was not fatal.

Jones was arraigned at the Tombs Court and remanded to await the results of Keating's injuries.

More City Marshals Appointed.

Among the City Marshals who were appointed to-day were William Sullivan, of the Sixth Precinct, and Charles A. Farley, of the Twenty-second, the latter being re-appointed.

The great benefits of HOD'S SARSAPARILLA are testified to by all who use it. See.

**GAMBLER AWAY \$400,000.**

President Hill's Stealings Lost in Grain Speculation.

The Ninth National Getting Safely Over Its Trouble.

Everything was quiet at the Ninth National Bank this morning and there was no visible indication that the course of business had been in any way disturbed by the recent furry over the discovery of the late President John T. Hill's \$100,000 defalcation.

"We have paid out very little cash this morning," said Cashier Nazro, "and have received more than usual in the way of deposits. This shows that confidence in the stability of the bank has not been shaken by recent events."

Examiner Hepburn has completed his investigation and has left the bank, leaving one of his young men here to go over some of the minor accounts. No further trouble of any kind is anticipated.

The officers of the bank say that there will probably be something realized from the estate of Mr. Hill, which will be applied to the reduction of the shortage.

The family of the late President are determined to make what restitution they can to the bank, and whatever is realized from the sale of his real estate in New Brunswick, together with his stock and other securities, will probably go to the bank.

The amount of his private debts have not been ascertained, but it is believed that they are considerable. The insurance which he carried on his life was about \$70,000, but to this his widow and family are entitled.

It is now said that Hill was an inveterate gambler in the grain market, and speculated in wheat whenever he could get the money. He was almost invariably unfortunate in his deals and never once made a lucky hit when he had any large amount of money at stake.

In order to cover up his risky transactions it was his custom to trade on the Chicago Board, and not in the Produce Exchange here.

The fact that during a part of Hill's term of office as President of the bank his brother, Joseph Hill, was the loan clerk is regarded as significant, and suggests the possibility that Hill may have used him to conceal some of his shady transactions.

**SLAVIN'S NEW YORK DEBUT.**

His Bout with Daly To-Night, to be a Clever One.

Jim Daly has arrived in the city in tip-top condition for his bout with Frank P. Slavin, the big Australian pugilist, which is to take place at Madison Square Garden to-night.

The contest is sure to be a pretty one, as Daly has trained carefully and proposes to let the aspiring Antipodean know that he is with him.

The Slavin-Daly bout and the wind-up between Slavin and Charlie Mitchell, while they will be the star features of the programme at the Garden, will by no means be all the attractions, for there will appear in special bouts Jack McAuliffe, Billy Deacy, Danny Costigan, Paddy Gorman, Mike Leary, Jack Ashton, Jimmy Carroll, Frank Bosworth, Prof. Nixey, Charlie Norton and many other boxers and wrestlers.

It will be altogether the best exhibition given by professional athletes in New York or vicinity for a long time and the Garden Amphitheatre should be packed with spectators. Extra chairs have been placed on the stage to make sure of accommodating the crowd.

The door will open at 7 o'clock and the exhibition will begin promptly at 8. The Slavin and Daly bout will be called at 9 o'clock.

**"OLD HUTCH" IS SOLVENT.**

But His Whereabouts Is Still Unknown in Chicago.

(SPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD.)

CHICAGO, April 30.—The whereabouts of Benjamin F. Hutchinson, or "Old Hutch," the veteran grain speculator, who left the city strangely Tuesday night, is not yet known.

He is supposed to be wandering somewhere, aimlessly and demented, in the South.

The force in his office has not got far enough along in his accounts to find that he has no funds to cover his trades, and the Secretary of the Board of Trade publicly announced this morning that all open trades of B. F. Hutchinson & Co. would be assumed by C. H. Congdon & Co.

This settles the question of the old gentleman's solvency and entirely removes the market of any pressure.

**ARMED MEN IN FORTUNE BAY.**

Newfoundland Fishing Troubles Leading Towards Bloodshed.

(SPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD.)

St. John, N. F., April 30.—Fifty bait carriers escaped the Government cruisers at Fortune Bay and sailed for St. Pierre.

Information has been received here that these schoonerers are retreating with the men incited to rebellion by the French, who have supplied them with arms, ammunition and liquor.

The Government has despatched a steamer with an armed force to intercept the vessels and H. M. S. Pelican has been ordered from Bay St. George to Fortune Bay.

Unless French intrigues and aggression are stopped by Great Britain, bloodshed is inevitable. There is terrible excitement here.

**REV. MC CARTHY GETS \$400.**

Verdict Against the "Celestial City" in the Preacher's Libel Suit.

The jury in the libel suit of Rev. Charles P. McCarthy against William J. Ingh, Editor of the Spiritualist paper, *Celestial City*, based on articles said to have been written by the famous medium Minnie Williams, returned a verdict in favor of the plaintiff.

By this verdict, the damages are assessed at \$400 and legal costs.

**Words of Praise**

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**HARD FIGHTING IN CHILL.**

A Sea Captain's Story of Events About Pisagua.

Cannonading that Began at 5 O'Clock in the Morning.

(SPECIAL TO THE EVENING NEWS ASSOCIATION.)

LONDON, April 30.—Capt. Hunter, of the ship *Bridgton*, which arrived to-day from Pisagua, Chili, gives an interesting story of his experience at that city. His return trip to London should have been completed some days ago, and he explains his delay in finishing the loading of his cargo and in starting by the incessant fighting going on around Pisagua.

On Feb. 6, the Captain says, this fighting began at 5 o'clock in the morning and continued till 10:30, when the insurgents succeeded in effecting a landing. They then made their way up a steep hill in the face of a rattling fire from the Government troops stationed at the crest of the hill, and drove the latter away, besides capturing some of them.

Meantime, the fleet of the insurgents was shelling the town, the Government troops responding with shells, one of which struck a wharf a quarter of a mile from the town and exploded a quantity of dynamite.

The force of the explosion was terrific. Every member of three families living in the immediate vicinity was killed, numerous houses were shattered and 80 tons of coal and a large quantity of barley stored on the wharf were blown into the water and lost.

Since this fight, the insurgent fleet has occupied the harbor and commanded the town. Pisagua has changed hands four times since the war began.

**BALMAGEDA'S GREAT PERIL.**

No Clue to the Chilean President's Would-Be Assassin.

(SPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD.)

LONDON, April 30.—Advices from Chili say there is no decrease in the excitement over last night's attempt to assassinate President Balmaceda.

There is as yet no clue to the thrower of the bomb.

The missile exploded in one of the parlors of the Presidential residence, and the escape of Balmaceda and his family from injury was most remarkable.

Guards have been doubled about the residence.

**PLUM FOR BLAINE'S NEPHEW.**

Col. Henry Stanwood Appointed Auditor at the Custom House.

Col. Henry D. Stanwood, a nephew of Secretary James G. Blaine, has been nominated for promotion by Collector Richard, of the Custom House.

Col. Stanwood has been Deputy Collector of the Second Division since Col. Ernardi became Collector, and he is now named for the place as Auditor made vacant by the recent resignation of Charles L. Perry.

Of course it is expected that Secretary Foster will make haste to confirm Col. Stanwood's nomination. Col. Stanwood has been in the Customs service since 1871, with the exception of the period during which Daniel Mahone administered a Democratic administration at the Custom House.

Col. Stanwood is forty-six years old. He was born in Massachusetts, served with credit during the war, and was given a \$1,500 clerkship in the Auditor's Department of the Customs service in 1871.

He was promoted to the Deputy Collectorship in 1881, and was one of the first to leave the Cleveland Administration, and one of the first to rejoin the Customs service.

The Auditorship pays a salary of \$5,000, an advance of \$2,000 over the Deputy Collectorship.

**FIRE IN THE CUSTOM HOUSE.**

Chemicals Ablaze in the Seizure Room, but Little Damage Results.

Some small packages of chemicals, which were removed from the Appraisers' stores to the seizure room in the Custom House yesterday, caught fire early this morning, and for a few minutes there was a lively blaze in the basement of the big gray stone building in Wall street.

Night-watchmen Holden and Eddy discovered the fire about 1:30 A.M., and sent out an alarm, which was quickly responded to.

Little damage was done, except on one or two small packages of seized goods took fire, but the room was filled with pungent smoke which set all the clerks coughing when they arrived later in the morning.

Said Deputy Collector Conch: "I suppose the smoke was worth about \$100."

"It looks like a case of spontaneous combustion," said Private Secretary Sperry.

**SURROGATE'S OFFICE CHANGES.**

Several changes will take place in the office of the Surrogate to-morrow.

James J. Barton resigns the position of Collateral Inheritance Tax Clerk, with a salary of \$4,000, to go to Virginia, where he will practice law.

Charles Golden, Jr., a Seventh District Tammany man, has been promoted to the position vacated by Mr. Barton from that of entry clerk, in which place he was receiving \$1,000.

Frederick C. Train, a nephew of Judge Peck, the Tammany Hall leader in the Fifth District, succeeds Golden's place, being promoted from Record Book Clerk, at a salary of \$1,000.

The latter position will probably be filled by a faithful wigwag from the Seventeenth Assembly District.

**CAUGHT IN A BURNING STORE.**

Two Firemen Overcome by Smoke at an Early Morning Fire.

Higgins & Sells's china and bric-a-brac store at 30 and 32 West Twenty-second street was damaged \$15,000 by fire shortly before 1 o'clock this morning, and the building was injured also.

Firemen Daniel McAtee and A. Stockton, both of Engine No. 1, were overcome by the smoke and were carried out of the building unconscious. They recovered at New York Hospital, where they were taken.

**DAVID DUDLEY FIELD IS BETTER.**

Lawyer David Dudley Field, who has been ill at his home at 27 Gramercy park, since Saturday last, was reported this morning by his physician, Dr. Stephen S. Hart, to be doing well.

The aged jurist—he is eighty-six years old—was still in bed, having passed a restless night, and was free from pain, the doctor said.

**DOES THIS MEAN YOU?**

Better Read It At Any Rate.

Many a man who formerly possessed a powerful physique and strong, steady nerves, wonders at his feeling of weakness, dullness, exhaustion. There is an extremely nervous condition, a dull, cloudy sensation, disagreeable feelings in head and eyes, bad taste in mouth morning, the vision becomes dim, memory is impaired, and there is frequent dizziness, despondency and depression of mind. The nerves become so weakened that the least shock will flush the face or bring on a trembling, with palpitation.

Likewise, there is the great and wonderful restorative, Dr. Green's Nervine, which will give back to the weakened and exhausted system the strength it has lost, imparts vigor to brain and nerves, vitalizes and invigorates the physical powers, dispels the depression.

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